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SUBJ: PAN AM, TWA REPRESENTATIVES AMONG GROUP TO VISIT CHINA

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1. MR. WILLIAM COWDEN, PAN AM REGIONAL MANAGER, AND CHARLES BILLERMAN, TWA GENERAL MANAGER, INFORMED CONGEN MARCH 14 THAT THEY AND THEIR WIVES WOULD VISIT CHINA MARCH 16-31 WITH A GROUP OF AIRLINE AND TOURIST REPRESENTATIVES SIMILAR TO THE TOURS ARRANGED LAST YEAR. REPRESENTATIVES OF JAL, KLM, QUANTAS, SAS, JARDINES, JEBSENS, AND MR. R.E. DOWNING, HONG KONG GOVERNMENT DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, WILL ALSO BE PART OF THE GROUP. ITINERARY WILL INCLUDE CANTON, SOOCHOW, HANGCHOW, PEKING (MARCH 23-27) AND KWEILIN.

2. COWDEN SAID A MR. FONG, MANAGER OF THE CHINA INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL SERVICE, CAME TO HONG KONG FROM PEKING AND BRIEFED GROUP AT AN INFORMAL RECEPTION MARCH 13. ATMOSPHERE WAS EXTREMELY CORDIAL. FONG SAID MEMBERS OF GROUP COULD DEVIATE FROM ITINERARY IF ONE OF FOUR CITS/CTS GUIDES TO ACCOMPANY GROUP WERE CONSULTED IN ADVANCE; COULD SEE AIRPORT NAVIGATION AIDS, CONTROL TOWERS, ETC., AS WELL AS LIGHT INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES; AND THOSE WHO WISHED TO VISIT

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FORMER FRIENDS OR LOCATIONS PREVIOUSLY KNOWN COULD DO

SO (COWDEN CLOSED PAN AM SHANGHAI OFFICE IN 1949). FONG EMPHASIZED THAT THE CURRENT ANTI-LIN PIAO/ ANTI-CONFUCIUS CAMPAIGN WOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH THEIR TRAVEL PLANS IN ANY WAY.

3. COWDEN SAID HE HOPED TO PURSUE IN PEKING TOPICS DISCUSSED THERE IN JANUARY BY PAN AM BOARD CHAIRMAN SEAWELL, INCLUDING POSSIBLE VISIT TO U.S. BY CITS AND CAAC OFFICIALS, AND WILL ALSO BE LOOKING AT CHINESE ATTITUDES TOWARD POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF ATC EQUIPMENT. HE AND BILLERMAN BOTH PLAN TO CALL ON USLO.
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